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I. VISITORS --

1. EAST GERMANY (GDR). LARGE DELEGATION REPRESENTING
GDR-LIBYAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY VISITED LIBYA APRIL 3-14. IN
ADDITION TO ATTENDING CONFERENCE ON DEVELOPMENT AND
COOPERATION HELD APRIL 9-13, DELEGATION TOURED DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS LOCATED THROUGHOUT LIBYA. DELEGATION WAS RECEIVED
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BY MANY LIBYAN FIGURES INCLUDING ARMED FORCES C-I-C
BRIG. ABU BAKR YUNIS JABIR.

2. CHAD. PRESIDENT MALLOUM OF CHAD VISITED TRIPOLI
APRIL 8-10. DURING HIS SHORT STAY, HE MET WITH
QADHAFI, JALLUD AND FORSEC TURAYKI TO DISCUSS IMPLE-
MENTATION OF MARCH 27 SEBHA II ACCORD WHICH WAS

DESIGNED TO BRING ABOUT RECONCILIATION BETWEEN MALLOUM REGIME AND REBEL FROLINAT FORCES.

3. SYRIA. DEPMIN OF AGRICULTURE DR. MUHAMMAD IBRIK ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI APRIL 8 TO DISCUSS COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL FIELD BETWEEN SYRIA AND LIBYA. PRESS NOTED NO ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF VISIT.

4. BENIN. BENIN MIN LABOR AND CIVIL SERVICE CAPT ADOLPHE BIAOU VISITED LIBYA APRIL 9-11 DURING WHICH TIME HE ATTENDED GRADUATION EXERCISES FOR 85 BENIN PARTICIPANTS IN A PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION SEMINAR. VISIT RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE MEDIA COVERAGE.

5. PANAMA. CARLOS PEREZ HALAREBA, DESCRIBED AS ADVISOR TO PANAMA PRESIDENT OMAR TORRIJOS AND MEMBER OF SUPREME LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, ARRIVED TRIPOLI APRIL 9 TO ATTEND CONFERENCE ON DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION AND TO HOLD PRIVATE TALKS WITH LIBYAN OFFICIALS.

6. SENEGAL. MUSTAFA NIAS, DESCRIBED BY LOCAL MEDIA AS SENEGAL MINHOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION, ARRIVED TRIPOLI APRIL 10 FOR A SHORT VISIT. HIS DISCUSSIONS ARE BELIEVED TO INVOLVE PLANS FOR POSSIBLE VISIT TO LIBYA BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR AND A REVIEW OF ISSUES UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH WILL BE RAISED AT FORTHCOMING ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE IN DAKAR.

7. MADAGASCAR. RATZ TAMIRA BERSIN (PHONETIC), DESCRIBED BY LOCAL MEDIA AS MEMBER OF MADAGASCAR'S RULING REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI APRIL 11. HE WAS MET BY TRADE SECRETARY ABU BAKR ALI AL-SHARIF AND WILL HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH LIBYAN OFFICIALS DURING HIS SHORT VISIT.

8. UNITED NATIONS. DR. ABD AL-RAHMAN KHAN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF UNIDO, WAS IN TRIPOLI APRIL 9-11 TO ATTEND CONFERENCE ON DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION AND TO HOLD MEETINGS WITH LIBYAN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING SECINDUSTRY JADALLAH AZZUZ AL-TALHI AND SECJUSTICE MUHAMMAD AL-JADI. EXECUTIVE MANAGER OF THE UN INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH (UNITAR) VISITED LIBYA APRIL 9-12. HE HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON WAYS OF COORDINATING LIBYAN TRAINING PROGRAMS WITH UN MANPOWER TRAINING ACTIVITIES.

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9. WORLD PEACE COUNCIL. ROCH SANDRA (PHONETIC), PRESIDENT OF
WORLD PEACE COUNCIL, ARRIVED TRIPOLI APRIL 11 TO
ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION WHICH HIS ORGANIZATION WAS
CO-SPONSORING.

10. MAURITANIA. PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH ARRIVED IN
TRIPOLI APRIL 13 ON A SHORT VISIT. DISCUSSION WAS
EXPECTED TO FOCUS ON THE SITUATION IN THE WESTERN
SAHARA AND LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR POLISARIO.

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II. DEPARTURES --

11. WEST AFRICA. A LARGE DELEGATION OF LIBYAN BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS IS PRESENTLY UNDERTAKING VISITS TO FIFTEEN AFRICAN COUNTRIES. THEIR ITINERARY FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF APRIL INCLUDED STOPS IN SIERRA LEONE AND TOGO.

12. ALGERIA. HEAD OF LIBYAN ENGINEERING UNION RETURNED TO TRIPOLI APRIL 10 FOLLOWING VISIT TO ALGIERS DURING WHICH AGREEMENT WAS REACHED WITH THE ALGERIAN ENGINEERING UNION TO INSTITUTE AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM. NO FURTHER DETAILS ANNOUNCED.

13. NIGER. YOUTH SECRETARY MUFTAH ALI KU'AYBAH LEFT TRIPOLI APRIL 11 FOR SHORT VISIT TO NIAMEY. LOCAL MEDIA REPORT HE WILL ATTEND CEREMONIES INAUGURATING THE ISLAMIC INSTITUTE AS WELL AS OPENING CEREMONIES FOR AN ART AND CULTURE FESTIVAL.

III. CONFERENCES --

14. THE ARAB FEDERATION FOR WORKERS IN PETROLEUM, MINING AND CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES HELD A CONFERENCE IN TRIPOLI APRIL 5-10. RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED SUPPORTING THE PLO, THE STEADFASTNESS AND CONFRONTATION FRONT, AND ON NUMEROUS OTHER ISSUES. DELEGATES VOTED TO TRANSFER THE FEDERATION'S HEADQUARTERS FROM CAIRO TO TRIPOLI.

15. THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION, SPONSORED JOINTLY BY THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE LIBYAN GENERAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS AND THE HELSINKI-BASED WORLD PEACE COUNCIL, WAS HELD IN UNCLASSIFIED

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TRIPOLI APRIL 9-13. PARTICIPATION BY DELEGATIONS REPRESENTING 82 COUNTRIES OR ORGANIZATIONS WAS CLAIMED. KEYNOTE ADDRESS DELIVERED BY LIBYAN NUMBER TWO, ABD AL-SALLAM JALLUD. IN GENERAL, RESOLUTIONS WERE ANTI-WESTERN IN TONE AND UNDERScoreD COMMITMENT TO "SOCIALISM" AND TO THE CONTINUING STRUGGLE AGAINST "IMPERIALISM" AND "COLONIALISM." CONFERENCE ACCORDED EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IN LOCAL MEDIA.
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